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Applicant: Ming Li et al.  
Filed: March 30, 2004  
Title: METHOD FOR MODIFYING EXISTING MICRO- AND NANO- STRUCTURES  
USING A NEAR-FIELD SCANNING OPTICAL MICROSCOPE  
TC/A.U.: 2812  
Examiner: Richard A. Booth  
Confirmation No.: 4694  
Docket No.: MATG-395US

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **15** of this paper.

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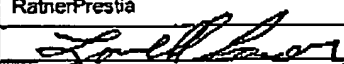
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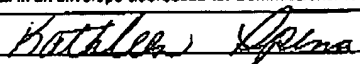
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